

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I want to urge the FCC to not only maintain the current rules on media diversity, but to work towards undoing the gross over-consolidation that has already taken place in all media in the USA. We now have a situation where the range of opinion that is aired on most outlets is extremely narrow and where the best interests of the nation and the will of the people is routinely ignored.

A nation with a media climate dominated by a small number of giant corporations is not a nation in which democracy can be sustained over time, because these groups always serve their own interests rather than the interests of the polity. A truly diverse and independent media is the cornerstone of a free society and without that true independence our democracy is merely a hollow shell.

Thank you,

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